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## SUDDEN DEATH OF ROBERT A. HANCOCK

WAS FOUND DEAD AT AN EARLY  
HOUR THURSDAY MORNING AT  
HIS HOME IN SOUTH  
UNION.

He Had Been in Bad Health for Several Months, and While Sitting Before the Fire Fell Dead and was Burnt Almost to a Crisp—The Verdict at Inquest was That He Died From Natural Causes.

Mr. Robt. A. Hancock, who for a long time was guard for the county chain gang but for the past few months has been in bad health, was found in his house in South Union, near the knitting mill, at about 5 o'clock Thursday morning burned almost to a crisp. His face was burned beyond recognition, as his skull was visible, his left hand was burned to a crisp, his knee and foot of left leg were also badly burned. A negro boy was with him in the house, but he told the boy to lay down and take a nap, that he would sit by the fire awhile. So when the negro awoke, about 5 o'clock, he found him lying face down in the fireplace and his clothing was still burning. The boy call a negro man and they put the fire out. He had on an overcoat besides his suit of clothes. A hole was burned in the floor under him. The chair on which he was sitting was also burned.

Magistrate Vinson held the inquest at 10 o'clock this morning and the verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death from natural causes.

His remains were interred in the city cemetery.

## Negro Shot in Card Game.

Lake City, April 8.—Ben Hannah shot and very seriously wounded Peter Martin Saturday night over a game of cards. The parties are both negroes and they with several other negroes were gambling in the woods near the outskirts of this town.

Martin won \$2 and started to walk away with his hands in his pants pockets when, it is alleged, Hannah, without the slightest provocation or excuse, shot him, the ball entering his body from the front a few inches below the right shoulder blade, passing through and lodging in the muscles of the back.

The shock caused Martin to jerk his hands out of his pockets and in the act brought out the \$2 which fell on the ground. Hannah seized the money and fled into the woods and has not yet been caught. One of Hannah's alleged accomplices, Brewster Dick, was captured and is in the guard house. The physicians say Martin may recover.—News and Courier.

## Masons Have Meeting.

On Monday evening, April 7, the Union Lodge, A. F. M. No. 75 held an extra communication for the purpose of conferring degrees on three Union men and four Lockhart men. Between degrees refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. These same candidates will return next Monday night for the other two degrees, and refreshments will again be served.

## Negro Combat.

Two painters, Ed. Kelly and "Bud" got into an altercation Monday while painting over in West End. Ed. Kelly finally struck the other on the head with a brick and knocked him down and under the house, and was in the act of striking again when he was stopped by other parties. Ed ran away to Buffalo, but came back and went to work Tuesday. The other man was cursing and creating quite a disturbance and it is thought that he got about what he deserved.

## DISPENSARY FUNDS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED

Winding up Commission Will Probably  
Deposit Funds in Banks Through-  
out the State.

The dispensary commission did little yesterday save routine work. If all the accounts that are presented to the commission by whiskey houses and others were paid there would be absolutely no doubt as to the insolvency of the institution.

Among the numerous claims that are coming in was one for a horse killed several years ago. The claim, along with many others that came in, was promptly consigned to a convenient receptacle very much used in newspaper offices. The commission would give out no information as to the cause of the animal's death, but it may be presumed that it was due to an overdose of some one of the "popular" brands of dispensary booze kept for sale at that time.

The Richland county board handed the commission a check yesterday for \$20,289.97, representing the invoice price of the liquors sold by the Columbia dispensaries during the month of March. This was the first money to be received by the commission from any of the county boards. Other checks will probably come in today or tomorrow.

It is very probable that no additional funds will be deposited with the Columbia banks. It is known that a proposition will be made to the commission by one of the members to divide the money among the banks of the State, placing deposits in Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Charleston and other cities.

"The Columbia banks are not any more entitled to this money than those of other cities and towns in this State," said a member of the commission. "We are responsible, and I believe it would be better to distribute it among the banks of the State."—The State.

## Citadel Affair Discussed.

Columbia, April 8.—There was another conference here today between the parents of the cadets recently dismissed from the South Carolina Military Academy and their attorneys, Messrs. J. A. McCullough, of Greenville, and W. H. Lyles, Andrew Crawford and John T. Sloan, of this city. The complainants present were Mayor G. H. Mahon and his son, Cadet Mahon, of Greenville; Mr. Alexander and his brother, Cadet Alexander, of Charlotte; Dr. Able and his son, Cadet Able, of St. Matthews. Plans were agreed upon looking to retaliation against the members of the faculty involved. These plans will be more definitely published in a few days and their publication will create a stir. The conference feels that it will be able to fully vindicate the honor of the cadets dismissed.—News and Courier.

## Wouldn't Take a "Dare."

Chester, April 6.—There is another dead negro at Fort Lawn. This came about not from a fatal bullet fired by another negro, as has been the case frequently of late in that vicinity. This latest case is that of a negro man, 30 years of age, Harrison Anderson by name, who wouldn't take a "dare," but did take a live wire operated on one of the towers of the Southern Power company. Almost instantly the negro fell electrocuted from the tower. Coroner's verdict was: "Death from his own carelessness."—The State.

## Dispensary Board Meets.

Columbia, April 9.—The State dispensary commission met today, but transacted no business of importance. The commission discovered that the auditing company that is checking up the books will be six weeks more at the job and the several hundred thousand dollars worth of claims cannot be passed upon until this report is in. The matter of accepting the Clarke Bros' purchase is still undecided. The board approved a number of minor claims for current account such as constables pay, salaries and the like.

## DO NOT FORGET

We do not intend that you shall forget that we purpose taking a party of twenty-five people to the Jamestown Exposition. THE TIMES will give a free trip to ten school boys, ten school girls and five lady teachers in Union county.

Our voting contest is now on. It will run to May 20th. About June 15th we expect to take the trip to Jamestown. Remember—

1. Twenty-five makes up the number.
  2. Each renewal for one year at one dollar gives you 100 votes.
  3. Each new subscriber at \$1.00 for one year gets 100 votes.
  4. Vote for any lady school teacher or school girl or boy over twelve years of age.
  5. If you do not understand the whole question write us or come to see us. Let every section of Union county enter the contest. There is room for all. Twenty-five will win.
  6. The votes will be published in THE TIMES each issue.
- Keep your eyes on THE TIMES.

## Child Burned to Death.

The 4-year old child of Mary Gage, a colored woman, living about one and a half miles from Sedalia on the Ray place, was burned to death last Wednesday morning. The mother was off in another house shelling corn, and left three children, a boy of 6, a girl of 4, and an infant in the house. The children got to playing in the fire. The girl caught on fire. Her brother put her on the bed and tried to smother the fire with bed clothes. When the bedding caught fire he poured a bucket of water over her and the bed clothes, thus trying to put out the flames. Failing in this, he finally took the child and put her in a gully, and put sand over her. When the mother came back she found the child missing and the child's dead body.

## Meeting of Civic League.

A meeting of the Civic League was held Wednesday afternoon in the opera house. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. F. M. Farr. The league adopted a constitution and by-laws and a vice-president for each ward in the city was elected. The ladies elected to the positions of vice-president were as follows: Ward 1, Mrs. W. E. Thomson; ward 2, Mrs. Emslie Nicholson; ward 3, Mrs. Geo H. Oetzel; ward 4, Mrs. J. H. Bartles.

## Consolidates Undertaking Establishments.

The Bobo Undertaking Company, capitalized at \$5,000 is the only undertaking establishment in Union now. The concern bought out the undertaking goods of Turner and Mayfield and also that of the Bailey Furniture Company. The new concern has a thoroughly fitted up undertaking shop. They do embalming and also sell monuments.

M. W. Bobo is president of the new concern, L. J. Hames is vice-president and W. H. Edgar is secretary.

## Liquor Poured Out.

On Monday morning Sheriff Sanners emptied out 8 gallons of booze. This liquor was captured at different points by the sheriff and police force.

## In Jail.

Sam Lann was brought to Union Wednesday and will be put on the chain gang for ninety days. He was convicted at Carlisle for disorderly conduct and carrying a lawful weapon, in Mayor Gist's court. The man was arrested in Cedartown, Ga., and brought back to Union.

## Half Rates to Teachers.

From the present, any edition of THE STATE will be sent to school teachers at half the regular advertising rates; \$4 for Daily and Sunday; \$3 for Daily only.

## Acquitted of Bribery Charge.

Spartanburg, April 9.—C. O. Smith, formerly chairman of the county board of control, indicted by the grand jury on charge of offering a bribe to a member of the board of control, was tried in the court of Sessions today and found not guilty. The jury was given a case at 10 o'clock and returned a verdict at 3:30.

The case against the defendant as the result of a dispensary investigation by a special legislative committee in August, 1905, it being stated by witnesses that Mr. Smith had offered a bribe to Perry Wall, a member of the board of control, to vote for certain applicants for the position of beer dispenser. Only one witness was examined at the trial today, Perry Wall, who testified that Smith told him to vote for him and he could have it.

The trial of Mr. Smith is the first of the prosecutions that grew out of the investigation.

## World's Cotton Congress.

Yokohama, Japan, April 9.—An international conference of cotton growers, manufacturers and dealers will be held at Atlanta, Ga., on October 7, 8 and 9 next. This was decided upon today at a meeting in this city of the presidents of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, the Southern Cotton Association, the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association and the Farmers' Union. It was announced that arrangements have been made for an extended tour by special train through the cotton raising districts by the European and American delegates to the conference. Invitations will be extended to domestic and foreign associations.

## Millionaire Smith's Body Sails.

Yokohama, Japan, April 10.—The widow and the rest of the party of James Henry Smith, who were accompanying him around the world, will sail today for New York, via San Francisco and will take his dead body with them. It has been made known that there is reposing in the safe of a London firm of Lawyers a will recently made by the deceased that disposes of the \$75,000,000 estate of Mr. Smith. It was drawn after Mr. Smith's wedding in Scotland last September to Mrs. William Rhineland Stewart. It is said to leave the widow the bulk of the estate.

## The Famine in Russia.

London, April 10.—Dr. Kenard, a commissioner of the society of friends who was sent to investigate the Russian famine, in writing from Samaria in the famine district says there are twenty million people in the southeastern part of Russia who, without aid, cannot live to see another harvest. In Samaria, he says, thousands are dying and 750,000 are starving. Of the latter only 372,700 are getting relief. A dole of one meal in twenty-four hours.

## K. OF P. CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN UNION

At This Meeting the D. O. K. K's. Will  
Hold a Ceremonial—A Banquet  
Will be Held at Hotel Union

On the night of April 16th, and during the K. of P. Convention to be held the 16th and 17th, the D. O. K. K's. will hold a ceremonial, and a number of "tyros" will be fed to the tigers.

At this convention a number of prominent Pythians are expected to attend, both from the Grand and Supreme Lodge.

On the night of the 16th they will give a banquet which will be held at the Hotel Union. A most elaborate supper will be served.

The D. O. K. K's. will have a parade through the streets of Union on the afternoon of the 16th about 6 o'clock. The candidates will be dressed in various and sundry styles.

## Funeral of Dr. John Johnson.

The funeral services of the Rev. John Johnson, D. D., LL. D., rector emeritus of St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal church, who died Sunday night, was held Tuesday afternoon at St. Philip's church at 5:30 o'clock, and was conducted by the Right Rev. Ellison Capers, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of South Carolina, assisted by the rectors of all the Episcopal churches in the city.

The interment was in St. Philip's eastern cemetery, to the rear of the church building, in the family lot.

The funeral services were very largely attended, for Dr. Johnson was loved and admired for his many excellent qualities by scores of people.—News and Courier.

## Distributing Plant for Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, April 9.—It was announced here today that the South Carolina Power and Manufacturing company will erect here a distributing plant at the cost of \$100,000, to be in operation within 12 months. Representatives of the company have closed a deal with Mr. J. T. Harris for land on Lawson's fork, where the plant is to be erected. Mr. T. B. Lee, of Charlotte, N. C., represented the company in the transaction.

## Small Fire at Lockhart.

On Wednesday afternoon at starting time a fire broke out in the opening room of the Lockhart Mills. The fire was quickly extinguished and with slight damage. About six bales of cotton were destroyed.

## Death of Lord Allan.

Samuel Lord Allan, riding an ungovernable horse Monday in Summerville, was unseated by the animal and thrown to the ground. His skull was fractured by coming in contact with a tree causing a fatal injury and five hours later at 11:30 o'clock he died without regaining consciousness.—Charleston Evening Post.

Mr. Allan visited relatives in Union last summer and made many friends who regret his untimely death.

## Flower Festival Bazaar.

Union, S. C., April 3, 1907. The Wm. Wallace Chapter U. D. C. will hold a flower festival and bazaar on May 1, 2, and 3 in the interest of the Monument Fund. Contributions of material for the French, linen, fancy work, and novelty departments will be very acceptable.

If you are willing to lend a helping hand to this effort, kindly notify any one of the following ladies: Mrs. B. G. Clifford, Mrs. C. H. Peake, Miss Minnie C. Gist.

## General Baker Dead.

Norfolk, Va., April 10.—General Lawrence B. Baker, aged 77 who commanded a North Carolina brigade in the Confederate army, died in Suffolk, Va.

## MAN OF MYSTERY HAS BEEN RELEASED

S. A. WARD, ALIAS L. BRIGGS, WHO  
WAS ARRESTED TUESDAY AT  
CROSS KEYS HAS BEEN  
RELEASED.

He was Lodged in Jail Here to Await Investigation, but was Released Wednesday—He is a Man of Mystery, as He Has Acted Strangely While in Union—Left for Parts Unknown Thursday at 3:30 a. m.

A man, giving his name as S. A. Ward, was arrested at Cross Keys, on Monday. He was arrested on suspicion of being a notorious clairvoyant and diamond thief wanted in Greenboro, N. C. He was brought to Union, and when questioned closely, proved that he was in Laurens and Newberry counties at the time the Greensboro robberies occurred. Ward was identified by Dr. S. S. Linder, who knew him ten or fifteen years ago, and while he lived at Ridgeway, S. C. The man was released and left Union before day Thursday morning.

His room was No. 6 at the Mangum house, at the foot of the stairs leading to the garret. A lamp was found burning on the stairs Thursday morning which was something unusual, so looking into his room, a note and some money was found on the table. Here is the contents of the note:

"Mrs. Mangum:  
Dear Madam: I want to get back to my work early this morning, so I will leave your money in the room in this note."

Chief of Police  
Carolina. He reported the Governor Ansel.

## Notice!

A special communication of Union Lodge No. 75, A. F. M. is called for Friday night next, the 12th, for the purpose of conferring the M. M. Degree. All Masons are invited to attend.  
J. H. Hamilton, C. C. Sanders, W. M. Secretary.

## Notice.

All veterans desiring crosses of honor will please send in their application.  
Mrs. B. G. Clifford or Capt. F. M. Farr, Union, S. C.

## Pardoned.

Governor Ansel on Thursday pardoned Charlie Harper, a white man, convicted of larceny of live stock at the January term of court in 1906, and sentenced to two years on the gang he served about 14 months.

## Small Fire in Union Mill No. 2.

Fire broke out in the picker room of the Union Mills in mill No. 2 on Monday morning. Little damage was done. About 100 lofs were damaged. The fire was quickly extinguished.

## China's Famine Sufferers.

Mr. M. C. Feaster, and his son, W. L. Feaster, of Monarch Mills, went out in that community and raised a collection this week for the Chinese famine sufferers, amounting to \$33.10. This money was at once forwarded to the proper headquarters, and will go to help a most worthy cause.

Now is the time to send in your subscription to THE TIMES. We are going to send 25 people to the Jamestown Exposition. Subscribe now and vote for your favorite.